

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph beginning at page 5, line 18 with the following amended paragraph:

An "LNP polynucleotide" is a nucleic acid sequence comprising (or consisting of) a coding region of about 100 to about 2000 nucleotides, sometimes from about 1400 to about 1500 nucleotides, which specifically hybridizes, to the *Dolichos biflorus* polynucleotide (SEQ ID NO:1), or to the *Lotus japonicus* polynucleotide (SEQ ID NO:8), or to the *Medicago sativa* polynucleotide (SEQ ID NO:3), or which encodes an LNP polypeptide. The isolation and characterization of the *Lotus* and *Medicago* genes are described in the PCT application ~~WO 98/16261~~ PCT/US98/16261.